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SUBJECT: PROPOSED OIL/GAS PIPELINE EQUIPMENT SEMINAR/EXHIBIT
(OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1975)

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1. COMMERICAL ATTACHE HELD A USEFUL AND POSITIVE MEETING JANUARY 17 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USSR MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION OF PETROLEUM AND GAS INDUSTRY ENTERPRISES TO DISCUSS OIL/GAS FIELD EQUIPMENT SEMINAR/ EXHIBIT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 18-20. ALTHOUGH MINISTRY IS NOT DIRECTLY INTERESTED IN THIS ASPECT OF OIL/GAS OPERATIONS, SEVERAL OF THE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES HAVE PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH MINISTRY, AND WE ANTICIPATE ATTENDANCE BY MINISTRY REPS AT THIS EVENT.

2. AS ANTICIPATED, MINISTRY REPS WERE EXTREMELY INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT COMMERCE WAS CONSIDERING STAGING SEMINAR/ EXHIBIT ON OIL/GAS PIPELINE EQUIPMENT, AN AREA FOR WHICH MINISTRY HAS PRIME RESPONSIBILITY. MINISTRY AGREED TO ASSIST IN SELECTING THEMES FOR THIS EVENT AND TO SUGGEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS ONCE THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREED TO SPONSOR. IN ORDER EXPEDITE THIS PROCESS, COMOFF WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP FROM COMMERCE/BEWT/TPD AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE OUTLINING PLANS FOR THIS EVENT, INCLUDING TIMNG, TYPE OF PARTICIPANTS, AREAS OF SEMINAR PAPERS, EQUIPMENT TO BE DISPLAYED, ETC. ON THIS BASIS WE WOULD BE IN POSITION REQUEST STATE COMMITTEE'S

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SPONSORSHIP AND, ASSUMING STATE COMMITTEE GOES ALONG, BEGIN

CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTRY.

3. IN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE OIL/GAS PIPELINE EQUIPMENT EVENT, MINISTRY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED VERY GREAT INTEREST IN INCLUDING PRODUCTION OF PIPE FOR GAS PIPELINES, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONSTRUCTED IN ARCTIC AREAS. THEY MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY BATTELLE INSTITUTE (COLUMBUS, OHIO) WHICH, ACCORDING TO MINISTRY, IS WORKING ON SAME TYPES OF PROBLEMS THAT MINISTRY IS ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE, I.E. CONSTRUCTION OF VERY WIDE-DIAMETER, HIGH-PRESSURE GAS PIPE. OTHER COMPANIES MENTIONED BY MINISTRY INCLUDED CRC CROSE, BROWN AND ROOT, AND BECHTEL. MINISTRY ALSO INTERESTED IN EQUIPMENT DEVELOPED BY INGERSOLL-RAND AND DRESSER INDUSTRIES FOR DRILLING HOLES IN PERMAFROST FOR PYLONS FOR GAS LINES WHICH MUST BE ELEVATED ABOVE GROUND. THIS EQUIPMENT NOW ENTERING SERVICE ON CONSTRUCTION OF TRANS-ALASKAN OIL PIPELINE. STOESSEL

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